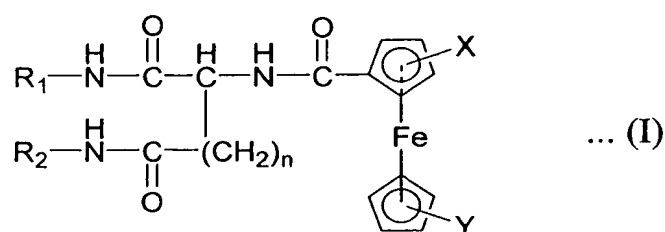


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

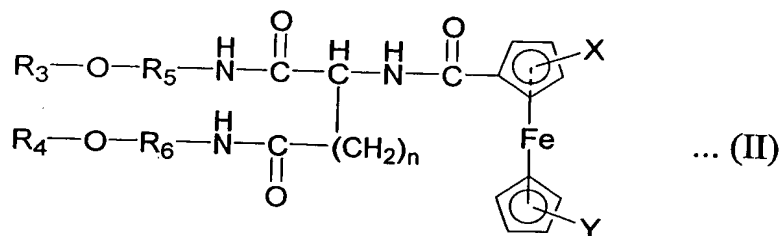
Please amend claims 1-10 as follows. A listing of all present claims and amendments is provided below in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121.

1. (Original) A ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound represented by the following general formula (I):



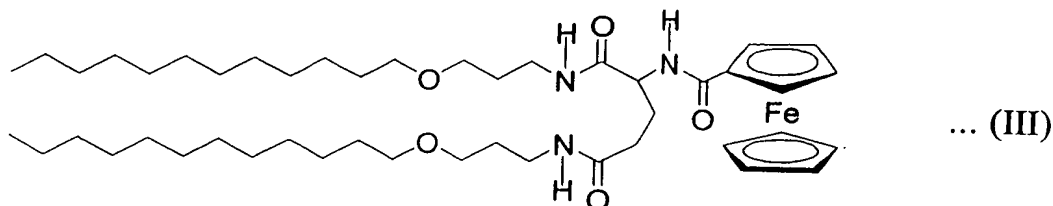
wherein R_1 and R_2 represent the same or different alkyl groups having 2 or more carbon atoms or alkyl groups containing at least one ether bond, X and Y independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and n represents an integer of 1 or 2.

2. (Original) The ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound according to claim 1, wherein said gelling compound is represented by the following formula (II):



wherein R_3 and R_4 represent the same or different alkyl groups having 2 or more carbon atoms, R_5 and R_6 represent the same or different alkylene groups having 2 to 20 carbon atoms, X and Y independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and n represents an integer of 1 or 2.

3. (Currently Amended) The ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound according to claim 1-~~to~~2, wherein said gelling compound is represented by the following formula (III):



4. (Currently Amended) The ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to~~claim 1-3, wherein said gelling compound can convert an organic solvent or an ionic liquid to a gel.

5. (Currently Amended) A gel comprising the ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound recited in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1.

6. (Original) The gel according to claim 5, wherein said gel comprises said gelling compound and an organic solvent.

7. (Original) The gel according to claim 6, wherein said organic solvent is acetonitrile.

8. (Original) The gel according to claim 5, wherein said gel comprises said gelling compound and an ionic liquid.

9. (Original) The gel according to claim 8, wherein said ionic liquid is N-methyl-N'-methoxymethylimidazolium bromide .

10. (Currently Amended) A cast film obtained by casting the ferrocene-containing, organic gelling compound recited in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1.